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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

VIEWS AND NEWS BY
"HAWAII."

LONDON, April 7.

After the signature at Spa of the agreement with the German plenipotentiary has been declared, measures will be adopted which will tend to tranquillize the spirit of the German people.

The Government will make an effort to facilitate the transport of Polish troops by every means. It is estimated that at the rate of six trains daily the transport of General Haller's forces with material would require about two months.

M. Paderewski, the Polish Premier, has arrived in Paris to plead his country's cause and to justify Poland's claims and aspirations.

Traffic on the Bagdad railroad is resumed. The Taurus can be crossed. Train service is possible as far as Nabisin, 150 kilometers from Mossul. Work is being pushed forward with a view to opening the line to the Persian Gulf. A limited number of trains can get as far as Tekrit.

A great Socialist demonstration in Paris in honour of M. Jaures and in reprobation of his assassin proved less imposing than was expected. The public was generally apathetic.

A meeting which was intended to follow the demonstration was forbidden by the police.

The Farman aerobus Goliath conveying eight passengers left a camp near Paris and landed three hours afterwards in Brussels.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

CABLE DELAY.

LONDON, March 31st.
In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. Sugden, who asked what steps were being taken to lessen the delays in cable traffic between China, Japan and the United Kingdom, Mr. Pike Pease stated that certain important cables had been repaired during the last few days.

The cable-ships were now working on other interrupted cables, but bad weather was hindering the work.

Steps were being taken to provide additional cables as quickly as possible.

MOSCOW'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

LONDON, March 31st.
The Times correspondent at Helsingfors states that an organization for propaganda in India, Persia, China, Japan, and other eastern countries has been formed in Moscow. The organizers include S. D. Mistislansky (Indology), I. S. Stepanov (Persia), Jusupov (Islamism), Sabuh Bey (Turkey). Besides the arrangement of conferences, it is intended to publish periodicals and prepare agitators to work among the people. Many meetings will be held and proclamations issued in the languages of the countries to be exploited. Branch offices will be opened in several towns. One has already been opened at Orenburg.

It is said that agitators will be sent out via Tashkent. The great work of organization is declared to be among the Indians and the Persians.

BRITISH TROOPS.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

No place is too good or too bad to which to send the British soldier. In addition to the better known theatres of war, and our new stations on the Rhine, the United Service Gazette, in its issue of Feb. 13, says that there are British troops serving in various places, some of which are stated below:

Italy.—Three divisions. One battalion Yorks. and Lancs. has gone to Fiume and a battalion of Honourable Artillery Company to Northern Tyrol. These are in connection with occupation of Austria.

Balkans.—Three divisions. One of these is in the Dobruja, another in Turkey and the third in the Salonika area.

Palestine, Syria and Silesia.—Three divisions, and four mounted divisions, two of which are Australian and two Indian. The latter are returning to Australia.

Mesopotamia.—An Army of Occupation, largely composed of Indian troops.

North Persia.—One brigade under the control of the G.O.C. Near East. Siberia.—Two British battalions (mostly at Omsk). Canadian battalions (mostly at Omsk).

North Russia.—(Murmansk). Yorkshire, Sussex and London Regts. (Archangel), Royal Scots, Liverpool and Durham.

In addition there are the garrisons in India, Ceylon, etc.

AMERICAN RADIOGRAMS.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

COMMITTEE ON REPARATION.

PARIS, April 8.

The Council of Four appointed a Committee consisting of M. Loucheur, French Minister of Reconstruction; Hon. E. S. Montagu, British Secretary of State for India; and Mr. John W. Davis, American Ambassador to Great Britain, to put into definite form the proposals for the solution of the reparation question.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

ESCAPES ATTACK OF INFLUENZA.

WASHINGTON, April 8.

President Wilson is confined to his bed suffering from the effects of a severe cold.

Rear-Admiral Grant, in a tabled message to President Wilson's Secretary, Mr. Tumulty, stated that the President's personal physician had said that President Wilson caught a cold on Thursday and was unable to be about, although his condition was not regarded as serious.

PARIS, April 8.

Although President Wilson has been confined to his bed since Friday with a cold, the Council of Four met in the Paris "White House" as usual.

It is understood that necessary matters are being referred to President Wilson in his sick room, but the members of the Council will consult President Wilson personally when the occasion arises.

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT.

PARIS, April 8.

President Wilson's physician issued a statement at four o'clock on Sunday to the effect that President Wilson came very near having a serious attack of influenza, but that by going to bed he had apparently escaped, though he was necessarily confined to his bed.

PRESIDENT WILSON REPRESENTED BY COLONEL HOUSE.

PARIS, April 8.

Colonel House took President Wilson's place at the meeting of the Council of Four on Friday.

President Wilson rested comfortably during the night.

U. S. CREDITS TO ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, April 29.

The Treasury Department has announced a credit to France of \$85,000,000 and to Italy of \$25,000,000, making the total advanced to the Allies, \$9,800,990,340.

PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S SENTIMENTS.

WASHINGTON, April 8.

The U. S. Secretary for War, Mr. Baker, informed the members of the mission from the Philippines Legislature, who hope for the immediate independence of the Philippine Islands, that that hope was in President Wilson's mind when he said he believed the time had come to grant complete independence, which had been denied to the Filipino people.

Mr. Baker said he believed with President Wilson that they would be able to send home word that the American people love liberty too dearly not to desire to extend it to others.

Mr. Baker read a letter left by President Wilson when he went to Europe, which was as follows:

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.
Will you please express to the gentlemen of the Commission representing the Philippines Legislature my regret that I have been unable to see them personally on their arrival in Washington, as well as my hope that their mission will be a source of satisfaction to them, and that it will result in bringing about that independence set forth in the declaration of the Legislature approving the sending of Commission to the United States.

I have been deeply gratified with the support and the encouragement received from the Filipino people and from the Philippines Legislature in the trying period through which we are passing.

We people of the United States have reasons for taking the deepest pride in the policy to support the Filipino people, and though unable to meet the Commission the Filipino people cannot be absent from my thoughts.

Not the least important labour of the Conference which now requires my attention is that of making the pathway of the weaker people of the world less perilous—a labour which should be of deep and abiding interest to the Filipino people. I am sorry that I cannot look into the faces

THE BISHOP'S VETO.

MANCHESTER CLERGY AND A SALFORD PRESENTATION.

A memorial signed by a large number of clergymen in the diocese has been presented to the Bishop of Manchester on the subject of his refusal to institute to the living of Sacred Trinity, Salford, the clergyman presented by the patron. The subscribers to the memorial constitute one-quarter of the beneficed clergy of the diocese.

It is stated that the Bishop refused to institute because the presenters would not promise to abstain from the use of Eucharistic vestments. The memorialists raise the objection that if the clergy are required to give any promises in addition to the canonical obligations "it would be within the power of a bishop to keep out of his diocese any man whose views do not agree with his own." A man, they contend, should not be penalised for offences of which he has not been found guilty, but which it is suspected he might be likely to commit in the future. Many of us whose names are undersigned, the memorial says, "have no personal desire to see an extension of the use of Eucharistic vestments; but we recognise that others who are equally loyal to the Church of England set value upon their use, and we would have their rightful freedom respected. Moreover, we feel that such action as your lordship has now taken threatens the liberty of the members of the Church in other matters than those in dispute, and impairs the comprehensive character of the Church."

FAMOUS STOCKBROKER DEAD.

The death is announced of Mr. William Maurice Koch de Goorey, senior partner in the well-known stockbroking firm of Panmure Gordon and Co. Mr. Koch had for many years been a prominent member of the Stock Exchange. He came to the City 42 years ago, joining the firm of Panmure Gordon and Co. at the age of 24, and in association with the late Mr. Panmure Gordon and Mr. Arthur Hill, he was responsible for the financing of many loans of international importance. The business with which the Hatton Court firm was most prominently associated was the financing of the Far East—indeed, scarcely a Japanese Government loan, and very few Chinese Imperial loans, were not handled by the firm as brokers. Following the retirement from the firm of Mr. Arthur Hill, which occurred a few years after the death of its founder, Mr. Koch became senior partner. He was a large-hearted as well as a large-brain d man. Since the war his energies have been concentrated upon the alleviation of distress in Belgium, an object which naturally made a direct appeal to him because of his Belgian parentage. The senior partnership of Panmure Gordon and Co. now devolves upon Mr. Ewen Allen Cameron, son of the late Sir Ewen Cameron, for many years London manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Mr. Cameron has been a member of the Stock Exchange since 1902. He left the firm to join the Colours at the outbreak of war, but returned to the City some time ago on being discharged from the Army as a result of wounds received in France.

of the gentlemen of this Mission from the Philippine Islands and tell them all that I have in mind and think of the earnest labours, and that the idea most in sight is being undertaken by the American and Filipino people for their permanent unity. I know, however, that your sentiments are mine in this regard, and that you will translate duty to them my own feelings and thoughts.

Mr. Francis Burton Harrison, Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, in a statement said that his experience of the islands had convinced him that the obstacle to independence that appeared to exist a few years ago had been cleared away.

What formal action in the granting of independence which Congress must take the Administration would present later to Congress at an opportune time.

MISSION'S THANKS.

WASHINGTON, April 8.

The Philippines Mission thanked President Wilson for his letter, which was read by Mr. Baker, Secretary for War, on the latter receiving the Mission on Friday, and wishing President Wilson success at the Peace Conference.

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S. BAKER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 7, 1919.

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the 12th inst.

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G. W. GEIG,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
c/o Messrs. HUGHES & HUGHES.
Hongkong, April 7, 1919.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
a SPECIAL EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of Mem-
bers will be held in the CHAMBER ROOM,
CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, on
TUESDAY, 15th inst., at 4 p.m., to
consider and if thought desirable, pass
the following Resolution:—

"That it is the desire of the
members of Hongkong that this
Colony adopt the Daylight Saving
System to the extent of one hour,
from 1st May next until 30th
September next, and that the
Government be approached with a
request to introduce the system by
putting forward the clock one hour
at 12 midnight on 30 April."

By Order
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 8, 1919.



NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS with the exception
of those of Chinese race desiring to
leave the Colony should apply in
person between the hours of 9 a.m. to
1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the
PASS OFFICE, Post Office Building.

Applicants will be required to produce
Passports or identification papers. All
persons, with certain exceptions, who
remain in the Colony for more than
7 days are required to register them-
selves under the REGISTRATION OF
PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of
Registration giving the particulars
required may be obtained at the G.P.O.
and at all Police Stations.

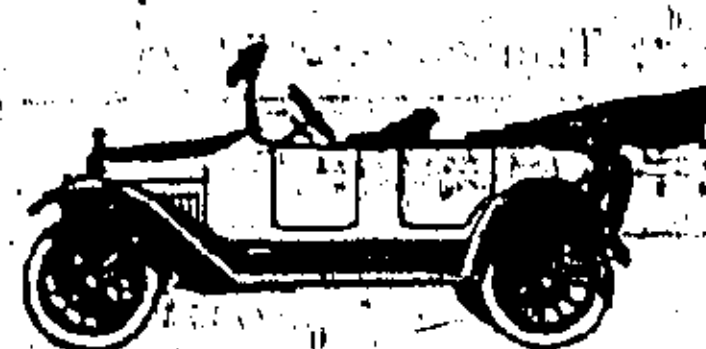
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sign them. After three months, and
an expenditure of several hundreds
of pounds, in vain endeavouring
to trace the missing threepence, the
accounts have been officially "passed,"
subject to the consent of the over-
seers. Surely this might have been
done at the beginning, without such
a hideous waste of time, trouble, and
money!

BY LOCH FYNE.

Dalhousie House, the Duke of
Ayrill's place on Loch Fyne, near
Inveraray, which has been destroyed
by fire, was originally built in 1891
as a residence for the Sheriff Sub-
stitute of Argyllshire, and it was
afterwards enlarged by the late Duke,
who lived there frequently when
Inveraray Castle was late to the late
Lord George Campbell. During
Princess Louise's latest stay at Rose-
neath, last summer, she visited
Dalhousie, and gave orders for most
of the furniture belonging to her to
be removed from the house.

MOTORIST TO PAY FOR
MUD SPLASHES.

That a woman may claim for
damage caused to her dress by the
splashes of a motor car was demon-
strated in the county court at Wells,
Somerset, on Feb. 18.

The plaintiff was Ethel Pike, of
Castle Cary, and she asserted that
Sidney Hutton, of Highbridge Farm,
Alhampton, had driven his car
negligently splashing her jacket and
skirt, which she had worn only a
few times. Her dress, she said, cost
£2 15s. when new, and was not now
fit for "best" wear.

Judge Stanger awarded the plaintiff
a guinea damages.

230 A MONTH FROM BRIDGE.

Luck at cards, but misfortune at
betting, were two explanations given
in the London Bankruptcy Court by
Mr. William Dudley Keith Thelluson,
of 297, St. Francis Court, Bucking-
ham-gate, who came up for his
public examination.

He had won £180 at auction bridge
during the last six months, he said,
and, since February 1916, he had
won in all about £200. His wife had
a private income of £1,000 a year,
and he attributed his position to
extravagance, having spent £1250
in the last two years.
Liabilities were returned at £2,400
and assets at £700.

THIN ALE.

In his report to the Licensing
Bench the Middle-borough Chief Con-
stable, says: "I do think that in a
large industrial area like Middle-
borough, where work is so exception-
ally hard and exacting, an increased
supply of liquor, over and above the
normal, ought to come into the dis-
trict, but not the liquid which is
popularly known as Government ale.
The men complain that it is very
thin, and in this respect no doubt
their views are well founded."

CONTENTED SOLDIERS.

One topic of conversation prevails
throughout the Army of Occupation
in Germany, and that is the new
Army bonuses. There is no doubt
that the Government's plan has
made a favorable impression. The
amount of weekly bonuses satisfies
the great majority of the men and
exceeds what most of them expected.
One of the wisest features of the
War Office plan is that which re-
serves all leave for the Armies of
Occupation. A few days of home
leave do a good deal in many cases to
take the glamour off the idea of get-
ting out of khaki in a hurry.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

Reporting on the sick list, A. M.
Walter Tilley, a London man, serv-
ing in the R.A.F. at Brooklands,
Verbridge, Aerodrome, was given
carbolic acid in mistake for cough
mixture by Sergeant Taylor, R.A.F.
Medical Service. Tilley died in
about ten minutes, when Sergeant
Taylor admitted his mistake. He
had been using carbolic acid for
a lotion just previously and picked
up the wrong bottle. At the inquest
a verdict of "Death caused by car-
bolic poisoning, accidentally adminis-
tered" was returned.

MOTORISTS AND THE ROADS.

At a meeting of over 100 M.P.'s
held at the House of Commons on
Feb. 13, it was decided to form a
Parliamentary Road Transport Com-
mittee for the purpose of watching
proposals affecting the use and de-
velopment of roads. Mr. W. Joynson-
Hicks was appointed chairman, and
an executive committee was consti-
tuted as follows: Sir H. Norman,
Sir A. Du Cose, Sir H. Austen, Sir
B. Adkins, Sir E. A. Williams, Mr. Mar-
tineau, Mr. Atter, Captain Gansz,
Major Trevelyan, and Colonel Phipps.
It is understood that the im-
mediate object of concern for the
committee is the formation of the
Ministry of Ways and Communi-
cations, doubtless being felt by motorists
as the policy of placing road ad-
ministration under a department
which may have its principal interest
in railway and canal development.

"NO BEER, NO WORK."

"DRY" AMERICA'S LABOUR.

Union labour throughout the coun-
try is being consolidated to stand
firmly by its decision "No beer, no
work," and as July 1 approaches
when the sale of all intoxicants be-
comes prohibited, the prospect of a
nation-wide strike grows more seri-
ous. A circular, addressed to all the
affiliated unions of organised labour
generally by the Central Federal
Union declares that "honest
legislation has been enacted without
the consent of the governed. The
law, it is urged, is an infringement
of the individual liberty of American
citizenship, a minority dictating
and made of life. The same powers and
pleasants who worked so persistently
to enact this great wrong are busily
engaged in proposing legislation to
prohibit the use of tobacco. The
Central Union complains bitterly
that as a reward for Labour's loyalty
during the war the freedom of its
members is being crushed. We
paid for the high cost of living with-
out protest," wails the secretary.
"and we must still pay heavy in-
come-taxes and bear the burden of
the war. We have appealed to our
alleged representatives in Parlia-
ment, but the appeal fell on deaf
ears, and while they were giving us
the glad hand the knife was poised
to be hurled to the hilt in our
vitals."

RAILWAY NATIONALISATION.

Mr. E. B. Fielden, chairman of
directors, at the Lancashire and
Yorkshire Railway meeting, in Man-
chester, said on the subject of na-
tionalisation of railways the direc-
tors were of opinion that having
regard to the heavy addition to the
expenses of the company consequent
on the granting of the initiative of
the Government of large sums to the
staff in the shape of war bonuses
and the concession of the eight-hour
working day, it was only fair and
reasonable that the Government
should make some arrangement
whereby the post-war position of
shareholders was adequately and de-
finitely safeguarded, so far as earning
power and capital invested were con-
cerned. Some authoritative an-
nouncement as to the Government
proposals should be made at the
earliest possible moment, with a
view to allaying suspicion and un-
business which now prevailed
amongst holders of railway stock.
Many of the shareholders in their
desire for a safe investment had been
content to accept the very modest
return earned by railway capital,
which, according to the Government
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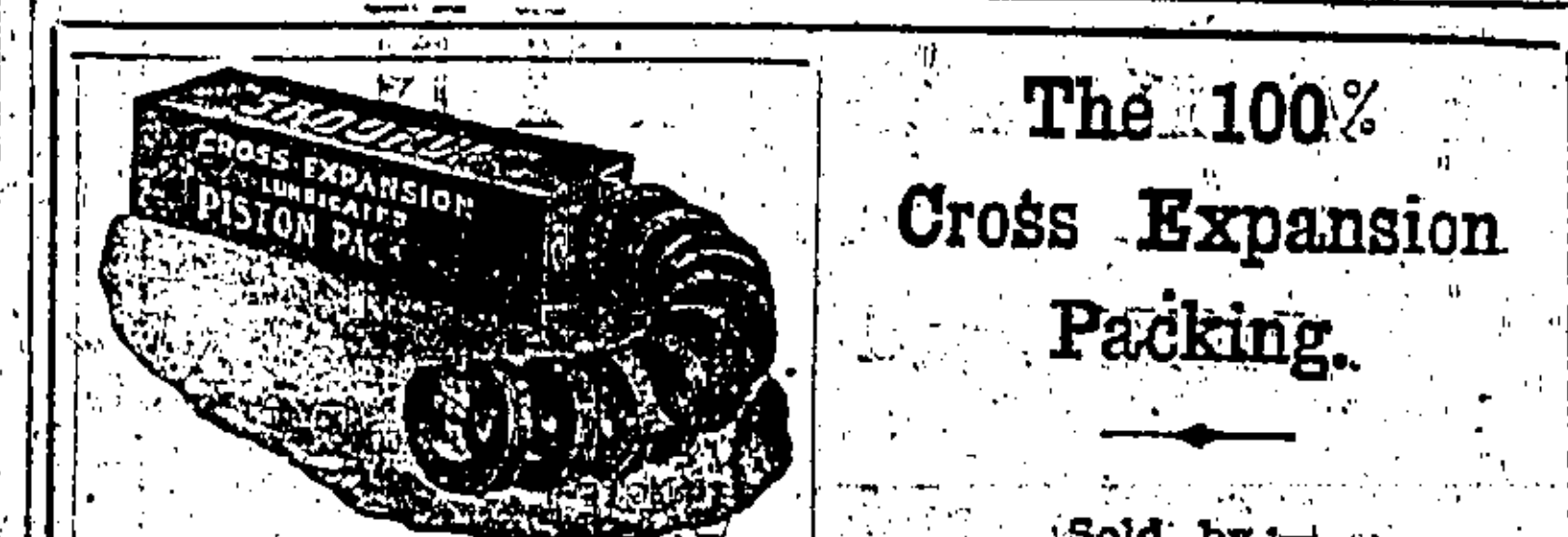
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Hongkong, April 7, 1919.

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A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
etc., etc.
(Removed to Sales Rooms for
convenience of sale).

including:
White Enamelled Twin Beds, etc.,
etc., one Piano, 3 large Carpets, one
Transit Telescope and Stand, one Air
Pump and Stand and Sundries.
Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, April 8, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the CHINESE GOVERNMENT SALT REVENUE DEPT. to sell by Public Auction,

ON
FRIDAY,
April 25, 1919, at 11 a.m. at
their Sales Rooms, No. 3, Des Vaux
Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
The Steam Vessel

"KUNG CHING"
as she now lies between Kowloon
Perry Pier, and Holsa Wharf,
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HULL—Teakwood.
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ENGINES—Two sets of compound
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Separate condensers.

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MATRICULATION, SENIOR AND JUNIOR
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
these Examinations will commence
on MONDAY, July 14th, 1919.

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can be obtained on application to the
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KONG."

Each entry form duly filled in, must
reach the Registrar, together with the
fee (Ten dollars, Hongkong Currency)
on or before 15th May, 1919.

The following Scholarships will be
awarded on the results of the Matricu-
lation Examination, provided that can-
didates of sufficient merit offer them-
selves.

(a) One King Edward VII. Scholar-
ship of £40 a year, for five years,
tenable in any Faculty. A candidate
for this scholarship must be under the
age of 21 on July 1st and must before
the first day of the examination, submit
to the Registrar proof that he is a
British subject.

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£400 (Peking Currency) for five years,
tenable in any Faculty. A candidate
for this scholarship must be under the
age of 21 on July 1st and must before
the first day of the examination, submit
to the Registrar proof that he is the
son of Chinese parents.

Hongkong, April 7, 1919.

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SERVICES, LIMITED.

REGARDING Notice of Cancellation
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We are now informed that a certain
amount of first class accommodation
will be available on the EMPRESS OF
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modation on the EMPRESS OF ASIA,
to sail 29th May, will be entirely avail-
able. The sailing of the EMPRESS OF
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ed as from this port.

Original holders of accommodation on
the EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 1st
May, will, if desired, be given passage
on that date in order of original
application, to the extent of accom-
modation available.

Original holders of accommodation on
the EMPRESS OF ASIA, 29th May,
will, if desired, be given their original
allotment.

The undersigned will be glad to
receive advice from all concerned as
promptly as possible.

P. D. SUTHERLAND,
General Agent, Passenger Dept.
Hongkong, April 7, 1919.

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(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

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Hongkong, March 25, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received in-
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at their Sales Rooms, No. 3,
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One complete set Engines, and
Boiler in good working order.

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Set of Compound Engines, 16 x 33,
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Boiler, 12 x 10, working pressure
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To be sold in one lot, together with
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THE Steamship
"SUISANG"

having arrived from the above ports,
Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby
informed that all Goods are being landed
at their risk into the hazardous and/or
extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.,
Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves,
delivery may be obtained.

Goods, not cleared by the 11th inst.,
at Noon, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged pack-
ages are to be left in the Godowns where
they will be examined. Claims against
the steamer must be presented within
10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not
be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us
in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 7, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"MONMOUTH"

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the
Kowloon Godowns at Kowloon,
whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded
unless notice to the contrary be given
before.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after
the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the steamer must
be presented to the Undersigned on or
before the 20th inst. or they will
not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
11th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 5, 1919.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

THE Steamship
"PERSEA MARU,"
From JAPAN PORTS.

The above named steamer having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby notified to send in their Bill
of Lading for counter-signature, and to take
immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on
April 7, 1919, at 5 p.m. will be
landed at Consignees' risk and expense,
and delivery must then be taken from the
Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all
cargo remaining undelivered on
April 10, 1919, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be
effected.
No claim will be recognized after the
goods have left the Steamer or Godown.
All chafed and damaged cargo will be
landed into the Company's Godown,
where they will be examined on April
10, 1919, at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognized if filed
after April 24, 1919.

T. DAIGO,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 4, 1919.

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today is the little volume contain-
ing President Wilson's principal war
addresses. This book was compiled
by Carl Crow, who represents the
American Committee on Public In-
formation, translated by Dr. Monling
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mercial Press.

BIG AEROPLANE DEAL.

Mr. Roy Conger, a young Ameri-
can business man, recently at Toron-
to, bought the entire aircraft equip-
ment used by Canada for war. This
cost Britain over £2,000,000. The
present price is not stated. Mr.
Conger's plan is the development of
aeroplane commercial routes in
Canada. The stock includes 850
aeroplanes, 700 aeroplane engines,
millions of spare parts, thousands of
spare propellers, wings, etc.

Convinced that aeroplanes will be
the principal transporting medium in
the future for passengers and mails,
and in time for heavy freight, Mr.
Conger is already taking measures to
secure landing fields in the larger
Canadian cities, and will have the
sympathy and co-operation of the
Canadian Government.

PARLIAMENT FOR PALESTINE.

The Zionist Commission in Pale-
stine, which was sent out with the
approval of the British Government
in April, 1918, has issued a call to
a Constituent Assembly of Palestine
Jewry. All Jews of both sexes who
have reached their 21st year are
entitled to vote, and all who have
reached their 21st year are eligible
for election. One of the other quali-
fications necessary for candidates is
that they will be able to read, write,
and speak Hebrew. The Provisional
Constituent Assembly elected Dr.
Chaim Weizmann and Mr. Nahum
Sokolow, the Zionist leaders, to re-
present them at the Ponce Conference.
It instructed its delegates to
urge: "That the Powers should
nominate Great Britain as their
representative or trustee, and should
confer on it the government of Pale-
stine, with a view to aiding the
Jewish people in building its com-
monwealth. That an Executive
Council should be nominated by
Great Britain in agreement with the
World Zionist Organisation, repre-
senting the entire Jewish people."

SIR E. GEDDES AND THE N.E.R.

In view of his public duties, Sir
Eric Geddes has severed his connec-
tion with the North-Eastern Railway
Company.

Sir Eric Geddes went to America
as a young man and took up lumber
and railway work on the Baltimore
and Ohio Railway, starting as a clerk
and switchman. After four years in
the United States he accepted a post
on the Rohilkhand and Kumaon Rail-
way in India, and while there Sir
George Gibbs, general manager of the
North-Eastern Railway, offered him
a post on that line. He was ap-
pointed chief agent in October 1901.
His advancement was rapid, and
after filling the office of chief goods
manager, he became deputy general
manager. It was stated in the
House of Commons in August, 1917,
that he had received no remunera-
tion from public funds in respect of
the posts he had occupied under the
Government, but had continued to
draw his salary from the North-
Eastern Railway.

MARRIED: HIS AUNT.

Novel statements were made at
Sturtevant, when John Charles Mac-
carty, 44, carman, of Lee Bridge Road,
Leyton, was charged with neglecting
to maintain his wife, Mary. Mac-
carty said he lived with his wife for
18 years before he married her in
1905. He then went through a form
of marriage with her to "stop the
neighbours talking." They had two
children, who were now grown up,
and they agreed to separate in April
last. Mr. W. R. Waller (chairman).
But haven't you supported her?—I
agreed to allow her for a week as
long as she didn't annoy me. She
was done so, and I don't give her
anything now. Mr. Waller: But
legally you must do so. I dispute
that. She is your aunt, and although
I went through a form of marriage
with her, the marriage is not legal.
—If you think that, you should get
it annulled?—I cannot afford it. Mr.
Waller: Well, we are going to ad-
just the case, and unless you come
to some arrangement with the guar-
dians—the alternative will be prison.

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BIRTH.

LE BRIS.—On April 4, at Shanghai
to Mr. and Mrs. P. Le Bris, a
daughter.

MARRIAGE.

JONES-SOLLY.—On April 4, at
Launceston, Tasmania, to Beatri-
ce Victoria Maud Solly, of
Deal, Kent.

DEATHS.

ACKERMANN.—On March 27, at
Yokohama, Georges R. Ackerm-
mann.

LYNBORG.—On April 4, at Shang-
hai, Christian Peter Christensen
Lynborg (late of the Chinese
Maritime Customs).

THOMAS.—On April 3, at Shanghai,
Peter, the beloved husband of
Mrs. P. Thomas, aged 45 years.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1919.

FEEDING THE ENEMY.

It is a common remark that one may overhear, a criticism only partly coherent, about all this food now going to the Germans. It is queried not only by the vindictive civilian, whose opinion is of less importance. Soldiers also, who have fought with Fritz, and who know what war is, and have been purged of the spiritual meanness of the non-combatant frequently utter the opinion that it doesn't seem right, while our own people are going short, to do so much to alleviate the sufferings of a people who, when all is said, brought it upon themselves. They are right. It not only seems unjust: it is unjust, especially as we now know that no lofty motive of self-denial or altruism is involved. The sentiment of pity was real enough among the army of occupation, but their compassionate advice to the peoples outside would not have been taken so literally, and so promptly for other reasons. It seems it is expedient. President Wilson, that noble dreamer and most embarrassing diplomat, has had to furnish an argument nearer the ethical level of the people he had to persuade. Bolshevism being now the enemy, we must (he said) fight it with food. Taking the same line on the same plane the British revived a venerable word.

play and said we must help the Germans to settle down so that they would be able to settle up. These arguments may be sound politics, but there is no gainsaying that they cannot remove that sense of injustice under which so many of the Allied peoples, still rationed, are living. The Germans deliberately started and maintained a policy of destroying as much food as they could, with their submarines. They were not in a position to capture it and keep it, so, like the dirty dogs they were, they defiled what they couldn't devour. With all that was so lost and wasted, and with all that couldn't be produced because our men were otherwise engaged, the reserve stores of food were so drawn upon that now there isn't enough to go round. It takes time to catch up and establish another surplus or reserve. If our own people were getting all they want, there would be no complaint about the balance going to the defeated enemy, since that is the normal basis of ordinary, decent charity, which public opinion decides should begin at home. It is necessary and desirable that non-combatants should suffer when they have shouted for war and applauded war and egged on their warriors, otherwise the lesson is not properly learned. The proper gain from this war should be a hatred of war. Unfortunately, we are still in the clutch of the old diplomacy. Instead of leaving the Russians to find their own salvation by the natural route of coming back to their sober senses after experiments in "kicking against the pricks," it seems we are to make bad worse (and belated issues) because we have money invested in Russia. Popular hatred of Bolshevism, say what you like, appears largely to be concern for investments. So in Germany we are to distribute tons of food really needed at home because of a like regard. The position is not one of moral dignity, not one that moralists can take pride in. There may be something of the Divine in Man (as Man himself so often claims) but for the moment it is not particularly noticeable.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

The danger of having a standing Chamber of Commerce is precisely that of having a standing Legislative Council. If it could be demobilized as soon as its work is done, the arrangement would be ideal. What happens is this, in both cases. Having done necessary work, and done it well, there comes the time when it looks round, like some fidgety, unrefined Martha, and says, Now, what shall we do next? It then proceeds to do unnecessary things for the sake of making a showing. The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce is now about to discuss a

Daylight Saving Bill for Hongkong. If it approve, then our Legislative Council, having not too much to do, will probably oblige. We shall be buried under unnecessary enactments, unless we all become bold Bolsheviks and cry Hold Enough. The Daylight Saving idea was undoubtedly a good one for the country of its origin, and for places with a short summer like England's. Out here it is quite unnecessary, a little ridiculous, and may even cause injustice. There are lots of places where the staffs are called upon for just a little too much in the way of overtime. At these it will simply mean that the poor assistants will work an hour extra in the morning. The two main ideas of daylight saving were (a) to save artificial light, and (b) to give the workers a longer spell for recreation in the evenings. In the early evenings here it is still too hot to do anything strenuous, and we have very little doubt that a plebiscite among the employers would result in a vote for maintaining the present hours. Why not try this? The *tailor* mustn't settle every darned thing for us. What?

OUR WAR MEMORIAL.

Popular talk has it that the people who always do a range of things for us have already settled on the form our war memorial shall take. Popular talk may be wrong. It sometimes is. But just let us do a little bit of supposing. Suppose that we were to have a new City Hall, and Library, and Museum, why not apply to Mr. Carnegie for the new building? It is true it would then be a composite memorial, a Carnegie-War Memorial so to speak, which is not altogether desirable, but the advantage of it would be that we should save our own money for the proper endowment of the Library and Museum. These are things that must be done well if done at all. We shall need a great many books, a qualified Librarian with a modern system, and a properly equipped Museum with a qualified Curator. Who is going to endow these if we spend all we have on the building?

MIRACLES.

Some "church notes" published at Shanghai suggest the reflection that an ingenious theologian would be a miracle. Reviewing a book in which an Englishman gives seven articles of unbelief as reasons for leaving the Church, the note-writer says he must have been "badly taught." He then proceeds to "teach" in this disingenuous way:

To take an illustration, "We no longer believe in miracles." Miracles are not fit objects for faith. The Church believes in a living Jesus, and the record in the Gospels is that Jesus had the greatest difficulty in preventing people believing in His miracles instead of believing in Him. He certainly does not want us to believe in miracles today. Yet if we believed in Him and in the power of His grace we too might wonder at the miracles of 1919. Some of us have seen them during the past few years. The Church's creeds are not statements of what we believe about things but acknowledgments of our faith in God. That is simply not true. Creeds are statements of belief. They are never anything else. One of them insists upon belief in the miracle of the bodily ascension of Jesus. In the Lower House of Convocation on February 13 Chancellor Hay Alden said he could not repeat the Athanasian Creed without telling a distinct and definite lie. This seems to be the trouble with this Shanghai ecclesiastic when reviewing a book that was at least honest.

ROUBLES.

Relative to what might happen to the Rouble, the following yarn may be quoted:

Near the close of the American Civil War, a certain Confederate gentleman purchased an old horse for \$20,000. Confederate money, which currency had already depreciated alarmingly. The horse needed few shoes, but as exchange was so bad the smithy asked \$5,000 for shoeing the horse.

The owner, ever hopeful that the Confederate "skin-plaster" would appreciate in value, said he would wait a fortnight and by then perhaps exchange would be better.

He was due to leave for a trip by horseback across Kentucky and the horse needs must be shod. Imagine his chagrin when, business being urgent, he could wait no longer, and had his horse shod for the journey. The shoeing cost him \$32,000.

However, at the end of his journey, which took him twenty-one days, he was enabled to sell the horse for \$4,000,000. Two days later he died and left the \$4,000,000 to his wife, who exchanged the whole sum and with the proceeds purchased a postal card to notify deceased's mother of his death.

What is to happen to the Rouble?

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The dollar still climbs. To-day the demand rate is a farthing higher, 3s 3 1/2 d.

Are we to understand that all the Police Stations are not connected by telephone? Extraordinary.

Two years ago to-day Vimy Ridge was taken. This is also the anniversary of the battle of Arras.

Among the passengers of the s.s. *Haitian* from Swatow yesterday were Major Morgan and Major Macdonald.

The answer to Mr. Alabaster's sixth question for the Legislative Council to-morrow ought to be: Read the *China Mail*.

The Hongkong Polo Club will hold their annual general meeting at the Club Pavilion, at Causeway Bay on April 15 next.

Lady Sykes, widow of Sir Mark Sykes, has been adopted as the Coalition candidate for Central Hill, her husband's seat.

The *Suffolk* sailors speak very enthusiastically of the entertainments given them in Shanghai. They are also keen on the idea of getting home.

The sailing to Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow of the Douglas steamer *Haihong* has been postponed three days. She now leaves on Friday the 18th.

But come, come. Surely it is not seriously suggested that the introduction and increased use of rickshaws on the Peak has created a real danger to child life?

The Mr. C. P. C. Lynborg of Shanghai whose death is announced among our obituary notices to-day had been in the Chinese Customs for 42 years.

Nine more alien enemies arrived in the Colony yesterday and were immediately transhipped to the s.s. *Antelope* which leaves for Singapore and England to-day.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock is reported as saying that a new Lunatic Asylum is badly needed for Hongkong. The *China Mail* has never said anything quite so unkind as that.

The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce are holding an extraordinary general meeting on April 15 for the purpose of discussing the question of a Daylight Saving Bill for Hongkong.

We are requested to inform the Portuguese community of the Mission which takes place this evening at 6 o'clock given by a Portuguese Jesuit Priest in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

If we put the clock on an hour, and do so to bed an hour earlier, (which is likely) we shall start work in bad form, wait five hours between breakfast and tiffin, and wish we hadn't. *Veritas*.

A sale of work and bazaar in aid of the St. Dunstan's Home for blind soldiers will be held this afternoon at "Montpelier" on the tennis court. A good attendance is expected and the promoters are confident of realising a goodly sum for this very excellent cause.

The Directors of the Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd., have decided to recommend payment of a dividend for 1918 of Tls. 2.50 per share, being at the rate of five per cent on the paid-up capital, and that Tls. 139,842.15 be written off for depreciation of plant and buildings and Tls. 15,867.79 be carried forward to new account.

The number of Chinese sailors and labourers who lost their lives at sea in consequence of Germany's submarine warfare is given as 752. Of this number, 109 were sailors. Five hundred and forty-three Chinese coolies were drowned on February 17 when a French mail boat carrying them was torpedoed in the Mediterranean.

The water return for March shows that 1,315,10 million gallons of water were stored in the City and Hill District water-works during the month, as compared with 694,594 in the corresponding period last year. The consumption per head was 21.6 gallons, and 20.4 gallons respectively. In the Kowloon water-works against 170.86 gallons twelve months previously, while the consumption per head was 12.3 gallons, instead of 10.7 gallons.

At the discussion of the proposal to "fuse" barristers and solicitors, Mr. Kennedy condemned the "monstrous and exorbitant fees" charged by counsel. In 1,000 undenied cases in the last two sittings of the Divorce Court, the solicitors had to employ barristers. Many of the parties were poor women, and solicitors were compelled to drag out of them fees for counsel. It was not mentioned (but is here disclosed) that the cost of divorce in *forma pauperis* is never less than £70. Bishops please note.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

R.G.A. LOSS.

MANCHESTERS TRIPLE SUCCESS.

Following the lead of Civil Service, the R.G.A. lost to the Manchester Regt. yesterday. The Manchesters have now beaten K.C.C., Civil Service and R.G.A. in succession. This trio of successes against three of the leading teams mark the Manchesters as a team to be respected. From a lowly position they have jumped up to third place in the league. This result leaves matters as they were a week ago. On each side were two players taking part in the last match in Hongkong. They leave by the *Antelope* to-morrow. These are Lieut. Colman and Sgt. Drummond of the R.G.A., and Sgt. Hall and Pte. Walker of the Manchesters.

The match was very keenly contested but had its humorous side. Everyone was more or less excited, players, umpires and some of the spectators. There was a case of both umpires giving decisions simultaneously. "Out" and "Not Out" was called. The latter had it as it was not the other umpire's call. Then a spectator called loudly from the pavilion "How's that?" He had no connection with either team. An umpire also gave "Not out" when there wasn't an appeal.

The result of yesterday's game leaves the championship very open. The teams concerned are Civil Service and R.G.A.

It is as well to give the outstanding matches of these clubs. They are: Civil Service (2) versus University and Chinese Recreation Club. R.G.A. (3) versus K.C.C., Navy and Royal Engineers.

From the league table (appended) it will be seen that if both teams win their remaining matches the league goes to the R.G.A.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH FOLLOWS.

MANCHESTERS v. R.G.A.

These teams played on the Craignower ground. The R.G.A. won the toss and put the Manchesters in to bat. Three wickets fell quickly, only 17 showing on the board. Then Cavenaugh and Harvey made a useful stand bringing the score up to 51 before the Colonel was bowled. Hall followed and made a few. Then the Padre came in and started to knock the bowling about. Soon Cavenaugh lost his wicket to Sharp and Baines polished off the remainder cheaply, getting the last two wickets with successive balls.

With 90 to beat the R.G.A. went in quite optimistic. Wickets fell frequently but with three down for 22 matters were not serious. Then Drummond was bowled with a regular "shooter." Sharp and Furley made a stand which brought Cavenaugh on to bowl in place of Hall. This wrought havoc with the R.G.A. and only Torr made any resistance. He was unfortunately run out by his substitute and this closed the innings, the Manchesters winning by 19 runs. The details follow:

MANCHESTERS.
Pte. Walker, b Athorne 4
Cpl. Harrocks, b Athorne 3
2/Lieut. Cavenaugh b Sharp 30
R. S. M. Keenan, b Baines 1
Lt. Col. R. K. Harvey, b Sharp 11
Sgt. Hall, b Athorne 2
Rev. Bundle, not out 25
L/Cpl. Deakin, run out 2
Sgt. Bird, b Baines 0
R.Q.M.S. Allan, c Colman, b Baines 0
Sgt. Clarke, c Drummond, b Baines 0
Extras 8

Total 90
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Baines 103 3 17 4
Athorne 12 2 39 3
Sharp 7 2 21 2
Bowerman 2 0 5 0
R. G. A.
C. S. M. Talford, b Allan 7
Cpl. Mann, run out 10
Sgt. Athorne, lbw. Hall 3
Gr. Sharp, b Allan 15
Sgt. Drummond, b Allan 2
C. S. M. Turley, b Cavenaugh 11
Lieut. Colman, b Cavenaugh 1
Lieut. Sutherland, c Walker, b Cavenaugh 0
Br. Bowerman, b Allan 0
Lieut. Torr, run out 17
Gr. Baines, not out 2
Extras 3

Total 71
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Allan 132 2 30 4
Hall 8 0 22 1
Cavenaugh 5 1 16 3

POSITIONS OF THE TEAMS TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	PTS.
Civil Service	14	9	3	2	29
R.G.A.	13	8	2	3	27
Manchesters	14	8	4	2	26
Craignower	15	7	7	1	22
K.C.C.	12	6	5	1	19
Civil Serv.	13	5	5	3	18
University	13	4	4	5	17
Navy	13	1	8	4	7
R.E.	13	1	11	1	4

THE FRUIT SEASON.

POWELL complaint is sure to be prominent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand. It may save a life. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To-morrow at 11 the Legislative Council meets.

Among other business, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak moves: That arrangements be made at once for the installation of a powerful commercial wireless station, capable of connecting direct with Colombo or some other station in Ceylon.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E. will ask the following questions:—1. As the introduction and increased use of rickshaws on the Peak footpaths has created a new danger to child life, will the Government hasten the conversion of the corner of waste ground between the Government villas and Mount Ketter Road into a suitable playground?

2. Will the Government construct on the unused lot on the north side of the Royal Courts of Justice a pavilion which can be used as a bandstand in the evenings and in the daytime as a sun and rain shelter for the amusements and children who now frequent the Cricket Ground and Court Verandah?

3. What steps is the Government taking before the rainy season commences to save the hill and roadway below the London Mission House at Cheung Chau from being washed away?

4. What progress has been made in the work of connecting all Police Stations by telephone?

5. Why has the First Police Magistrate and Coroner been appointed to act as Director of Education in addition to his other duties when there are in the Colony two or three educationalists with previous experience of the office?

6. Has the Government made any protest against the arbitrary cancellation without notice of homeward bookings by the "Emperors of Russia, Asia, and Japan" and the "Monteagle"?

7. Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the serious lack of sufficient hotel accommodation in the Colony? If so, has the Government done anything to assist visitors to obtain shelter?

8. Why have there been no Legislative Council Meetings for about a month?

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak will ask—

1. Will the Government appoint a committee of experts to inquire into and report upon—

(a) The condition of the channel by which vessels enter the Harbour in order to proceed to their buoys or to the existing wharves

(b) The efficiency, or otherwise, of the present Government dredger the "St. Enoch."

(c) The necessity, or otherwise, of at once ordering a modern dredging plant for constant use in this Harbour.

2. Has the report and finding of the "Civil Service Salaries Commission" been sent in to the Government yet and, if so, will the Government lay it upon the table for the consideration of the Council?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorise the British Traders Insurance Company Limited to convert its silver capital into gold. (It is proposed to take this Bill through all its stages at this meeting.)

CANTON ITEMS.

The second Provisional Assembly is expected to meet on Saturday. There are 120 members, and each gets \$400 per session, about \$10 per day. There is keen competition for the Speakership. The members are elected for three years. Tang Shung Chong, newly elected, has been unseated and imprisoned for buying votes.

The German Chinese Middle School in Canton is going to carry on, the Principal having been exempted from repatriation.

Tang Shao-yi is absolutely opposed to borrowing money from foreigners. He has issued a warning that they are sometimes camouflaged as Chinese firms. In any case, the telephones and tramways must not be pledged.

The *Canton Times* says that some persons anxious to become president or director of the Canton-Hankow railway are busy buying votes. How exceedingly naughty.

The manufacture at Canton of silk piece goods is rapidly dwindling.

The steamer *Waishan* arrived on Saturday with rice from Wuhu. This consignment was used to check another rising tendency. Fatsan dealers were also accused of profiteering.

A Canton detective is to be shot for bringing bogus charges against persons who omitted to pay "squeeze."

SMALL GRASS FIRE.

This morning the Fire Brigade had a call. One engine proceeded towards Shaikwan to find it was a grass fire this side of Ming Yuen Gardens. The fire was quickly extinguished and the engine and firemen back in No. 5 Station before tiffin.

FALSE PRETENCES.

CANADIAN SENT TO JAIL.

Before Mr. Lindsell at the Magistrate's court this morning, a Canadian named Joseph Grumble was charged (1) with obtaining money by false pretences, and (2) with failing to furnish the C.S.P. with certain particulars on his return to Hongkong from Canton on March 18. He admitted both charges.

Detective Inspector J. J. Watt, prosecuting, said the prisoner went to the Rev. T. W. Pearce of the London Mission on March 25 and represented to him that he had arrived from Vancouver on March 18 on board the s.s. *Empress of India* and that he was going to take up a position in Canton as manager of an import and export firm. The prisoner told the Rev. Pearce that the reason he visited him was because he had met a friend of Mr. Pearce's in Vancouver and had been recommended by him to do so on his arrival here. Anything Mr. Pearce did for the prisoner would be much appreciated by this friend. Knowing that gentleman very well, Mr. Pearce befriended the prisoner. Two days later, said the Inspector, the prisoner again visited Mr. Pearce and told him he had just returned from Canton and that he had mislaid his pocket book and bank book at the Station Hotel and he could not get any money with which to buy a few necessities. The prisoner asked Mr. Pearce for a loan promising to return the money as soon as he got back to Canton. Trusting the man, Mr. Pearce loaned him \$10. The prisoner also got money from several other persons in the Colony in the same way. The Inspector said that it was not true that the prisoner was manager of the said firm in Canton, neither did he have any money in any of the local banks. It was true that the prisoner had come from Vancouver, but that was on January 4 and not on March 18, as he alleged to Mr. Pearce. The prisoner had been in nuisance all the time he had been in the Colony.

His Worship: Is there anything known about this man?—Not here, your Worship, but it is believed he had been convicted in Shanghai.

His Worship convicted the man and sentenced him to one month's hard labour on the first charge and \$20 fine or, in default, a further two weeks' imprisonment. The sentences to run consecutively in case the fine was not paid.

MAGISTRACY.

(MR. ORME'S COURT.)

GAMBLING.

A Chinese who was charged with playing *fa-hoo* together with six others, not in custody, in West Point, was fined \$3 or 7 days.

Three other men who were charged with gambling on the footpath of Connaught Road, West, were subjected to a similar fine.

THEFT OF COAL.

When charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of coal—ten baskets—in the small hours of this morning in Praya East, a Chinese ventured the unsatisfactory explanation that the baskets belonged to him, while the coal was the property of another man whom he is unable to locate. Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

(MR. LINDSELL'S COURT.)

A YOUNG THIEF.

A Chinese youth was charged with snatching a gold bangle from an infant and pleaded that his mother drove him out of the house. He secured a job but did not last long in it, he having been discharged two days ago. Being homeless and having no money to buy food, he stole the bangle.

The mother said the boy was a regular scoundrel and she could do nothing with him.

His Worship: Your mother said you are a scoundrel. How old are you?—14 years.

Three weeks and 10 strokes of the birch.

THEFT FROM DOCKS.

As a crowd of workmen were leaving the Talkoo Dockyard last evening, the watchman searching one of them, found some iron rivets "stuck" concealed in his cap and arrested him. When charged this morning, he pleaded "guilty" and was sent to gaol for 3 weeks with hard labour.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

If you want a clear head and good digestion you must not let your bowels become clogged with poisonous waste from the body, as is always the case when you become constipated. Proper food, an abundance of water and plenty of outdoor exercise should keep your bowels regular. When that fails, you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. They cause a gentle movement of the bowels and are easy and pleasant to take. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.

SOME OF HONGKONG'S
MANY NEEDS.

DISCUSSION UNREPORTABLE.

Under the auspices of the St. Paul's branch of the C.E.M.S., an interesting lecture was delivered last evening at St. Paul's College by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. Dr. Parle was in the chair. Mr. Pollock's subject was one of great interest to all in the Colony it being "Work which requires to be done." The lecturer dealt at length with the housing question here in Hongkong and made a number of suggestions for the opening up of new districts for building. One thing Mr. Pollock suggested was that the Government should either build the houses and then let them, as it did to its own servants, or else render financial assistance to enable those who wished to build houses. An easy purchase system was also one of the things advocated in connection with housing.

Another proposal mooted was the introduction of legislation on similar lines to the Building Societies' Act of Great Britain, and that followed by the Straits Settlements, whereby a certain standard rent should be fixed and any contravention of the Ordinance liable to a fine. In connection with the proposal that there should be new districts opened up to meet the needs of the Colony, Mr. Pollock said this would mean means of transportation.

More European associations were also desired to be one of the great needs of the Colony and among the work that requires to be done. The lecture ended with the Colony's Hospital accommodation. The Government Civil Hospital was described by Mr. Pollock, not in a suitable location for Europeans. The spot was quite suitable for Chinese and other Asiatic residents of the Colony but not for the Europeans who now had to go there. Work regarding it had been done in Mr. Pollock's opinion, was the building of a new Hospital in a better and less crowded district. Hospital accommodation was an urgent need at Kowloon. There was accommodation at present but this was for Chinese and it was necessary that accommodation be provided for the Europeans. The present Lunatic Asylum was far from suitable and a new one was badly needed.

Mr. Pollock then passed to things more of the future than of the present and spoke of an aeroplane which should be situated in Shau Wan. He said that he hoped the day would come when he would be able to go home from the Colony and return in an aeroplane.

The development of wireless telegraphy was also work to be done. It was a need of Hongkong that it be linked up with the Imperial Wireless Telegraph Service. There was a wireless service now at P'oukhar but this, the lecturer asserted, was too far removed to be of use for commercial service.

An industrial settlement and a factory were also needed and these could, said the lecturer, be located somewhere in Kowloon. It would be a question of time ere these would become self-supporting. Children, kinematics, and public clocks next claimed the lecturer's attention. He said there ought to be children's rooms in the factory districts where the mothers worked and in these the children could be taught something useful. As to the kinematics, the question of censoring the films shown was under consideration and would very shortly come up for legislation. As to public clocks there ought to be one on the Kowloon Railway Station or in the neighbourhood of the General Post Office. In concluding, Mr. Pollock urged the necessity of the linking up of Kowloon and Hunkow by a railway and of the development of the mineral resources of the hinterland on the frontiers of the British territory.

The lecture was followed by a discussion from which the Press were asked to retire in accordance with a resolution passed by the Committee.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Three matches were played yesterday, one of these being the final of the Club Handicap Singles "B" Class played between C. B. Brown (res. 15) and E. A. Macdonald (res. 2/0). This resulted in a win for Brown who is now champion in the "B" Class.

Lieut.-Col. Crisp and Capt. Murray (ser.) beat A. H. Crook and A. A. Clouston (res. 2/0) by 6-0, 6-3, and are now in the final of the Club Handicap Doubles.

In the Club Handicap Singles "A" Class A. Morris (res. 3/0) surprised a good many by beating N. E. Kent (res. 10) by 6-0, 6-4. This brings Morris to the final.

To-day's matches are—
HANDICAP DOUBLES:
A. D. Humphreys and C. C. Hickling (ser.) meet N. E. Kent and J. S. Jennings (res. 2/0).

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES:
F. A. Redmond meets T. Miskin.
HANDICAP SINGLES: "A" CLASS:
Major Ardoino (res. 2/0) meets L. Forster (res. 1/0).

PAYING OFF PENNANT.

FLOWN FROM H.M.S. "SUFFOLK."

For the first time since the outbreak of war, one of H.M. ships is in harbour flying the paying off pennant. In pre-war days it was a more common sight. H.M.S. Suffolk this morning is flying her pennant denoting she is proceeding home to pay off and re-commission. The paying off pennant is a thin white strip of flag flowing from her main mast and against the water.

The Suffolk sailed just after 1.30. This morning the ship's band regaled her crew with a nice programme of popular music. It may have cheered the dockworkers on the *Antelope*, but who could swear it did?

FAREWELL CONCERT.

There was a happy gathering in the R.G.A. Sergeants' Mess last night, when farewell was said to the *Antelope*. A white drive was first on the programme followed by a concert. During the evening Master Gunner May referred in glowing terms to the members departing, and on behalf of the mess members handed each a silver mounted stick and wished them God Speed and *bon voyage*. The members leaving are: Sgt. Major W. T. Youngman (who has been instructor to the Artillery Coy., H.K.D.C., for some time past), C.Q.M. Sgt. Barker, and Sgt. Drummond, Haskings and Connor. Co. Sgt. Major Youngman responded on behalf of the departing members. Sgt. Major Duff, speaking for the Chinese Coolie Corps Registration Party, who have been attached to the mess for some time awaiting passage, warmly thanked the members of the mess for the great hospitality that had been extended.

The whist prizes were won by: 1st, Mrs. Rasmussen; 2nd, Mrs. May; 3rd, 1st, Sgt. Gordon, Chinese Labour Corps; 2nd, Sgt. Major Taitton, R.G.A.

The following contributed to the concert: Master Gunner May, Sergeants Davis, Smith, and Roberts, R.G.A.; Sgt. Major Duff, and Sergeants Lampan and Smith, of the Chinese Labour Corps; Master Gunner Rasmussen and C.Q.M. Sgt. Barker were the accompanists.

The party broke up at midnight with the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*.

CORONET THEATRE
TRIUMPHANT.

Comedy seems to be the draw. This theatre is showing *Fat Arbuckle* in a screaming farce. Douglas Fairbanks in a sentimental comedy (with a dash of force in it to display Fairbanks' wonderful gymnastics) and Mister Charles Chaplin in his own *metier*. Last night there was another house full and those inside rocked with laughter. It is certain all were satisfied they had their money's worth. The management circulated these arguments, which are very persuasive:

"You need have no fear of catching influenza or any other infectious disease at the Coronet, because:

1. There is no cheap 75 house and there are no third class seats, thus excluding the exchequer class, the biggest carriers of infection.

2. There are no seat covers or cushions to hold infection, and the seats as well as the rest of the theatre are washed down with disinfectant daily.

3. There is a sufficient interval between shows for the audience fans to entirely renew the vitiated atmosphere.

4. The whole hall has been thoroughly sprayed with disinfectant before you enter it.

THE S.S. "ANDRE LEBON."

The Messageries Maritimes s.s. *Andre Lebon* came into port from Shanghai this morning. She had 779 passengers of whom 80 disembarked here. These included Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead, and Mr. J. N. Boyd from Yokohama.

The steamer sails at 5 p.m. to-day for Haiphong and Marseilles. She has a passenger list of just on 800.

On board are 242 French soldiers for Marseilles, and 312 for Haiphong. These are from the north and from a glance at their be-medalled tunics, are war worn veterans.

Among the passengers leaving Hongkong by this ship are Mr. J. Walker, manager of the Dairy Farm, on a trip to Haiphong, and M. Landry, Postmaster at Canton. The latter is proceeding to France.

BLOODTHIRSTY
MAIDSERVANT.

The Chinese maidservant who was last week charged with attacking her mistress, a respectable Chinese lady, with a chopper inflicting 40 wounds, necessitating her removal to the hospital, was convicted by Mr. Lindell yesterday and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

"FOR TRICKS THAT ARE
VAIN."

He was a sorry spectacle standing

with his head bound up with blood-stained bandages in the dock before Mr. Lindell this morning. This poor coolie was walking along Queen's Road West about 1.45 a.m. this morning, when all of a sudden some of his wicked enemies rushed out and attacked him, with the full intention, he stated, of killing him. In order to save his life, and in fear and trembling, he bobbed upstairs to avoid meeting an untimely end. On reaching the second floor he was immediately attacked by some of his fellow countrymen who occupied the flat, and was thrown very forcibly down the stairs, thus getting the awful injuries to his head. This was the sad story he unfolded. Whilst this was happening the police heard the thump thump of his falling downstairs and went to have a "look see" with the result that he appeared in the dock this morning charged with trespassing with the intent to steal. "The Police" evidently knew something about this unfortunate coolie, and as nobody seemed to be able to come forward to confirm his "plausible" story, while there were people who saw him creep up the stairs, and try to open a door, oh so quietly, as if he was afraid of waking the occupants of the flat, it was decided that he was not a desirable person.

In fact Mr. Lindell considered that his enemies were mythical and thought it would be better for him to go to a place where he would get regular food and medical attention and at the same time do a little hard work. So this poor, and, according to his own lights, innocent coolie was taken out of the dock protesting his innocence in another loud voice to spend six weeks in prison, where his wicked enemies will not be able to hurt him.

ALL IN ONE BOOK

Miss Jean Deibel, the young lady who won second prize in the *China Mail* Children's Column letter-writing competition, has written her thanks for the book she got. It must have been a wonderful book, because she says (1) it is nice reading for the hot weather; (2) it has a pattern which she is going to crocheted; (3) it has a recipe which Mother approved; and (4) her brother got an idea from it for decorating the house on "nice day." "It only remains for Daddy to find something good in it, and then "Uncle Barabotta" will swank more than ever.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.THE CHINESE MERCHANTS
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LUC HOAN, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 9, 1919.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

U.S.S. "ECLIPSE,"
FROM SAN FRANCISCO,
JAPAN PORTS, SHANGHAI AND
MANILA.

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Cargo will be landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be consigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on April 10, 1919, at 10 A.M.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after April 10, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.,
J. ORAM SHEPPARD,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, April 9, 1919.

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HONGKONG POLO CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG POLO CLUB will be held at the CLUB PAVILION, CAUSEWAY BAY, at 5.30 P.M. TUESDAY, April 15th.

BUSINESS—
1. The election of Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To pass the report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1918.

3. To discuss any Club business.

J. H. CONGDON,
Acting Hon. Sec. & Treasurer,
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Hongkong, April 9, 1919.

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after April 9, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before April 29, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 9, 1919.

NOTICE.

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PHREYS & CO.

Shameen, Canton, have this day been appointed AGENTS for

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TO-DAY'S
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TO LET.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

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Terms—Cash.

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COMPETITION IN THE EAST.

A correspondent writes to a London paper: "One of the trades in which it will be most difficult for British shipping to recover its old position is the Far Eastern. During the war the field has been left open for the Japanese mercantile marine. British shipowners have done their best to maintain the trade under the difficult circumstances created by the war. In the meantime, Japanese lines have been busy east of the Red Sea. Freight rates have been exceedingly high, and there was every inducement for the Japanese to extend their carrying trade. Moreover, their operations for the most part have lain outside the range of the submarine campaign. The Japanese merchant fleet has shown increased activity in the Pacific, and in all the waters of the East. She has made an effort to get into the Indian coasting trade, where, owing to the restricted facilities for transporting goods, recourse has been made to the greater use of smaller sailing vessels. Recently a complaint has come from Rotterdam of Japanese plans for services to the Dutch East Indies. At any rate, Japan has had the tonnage, and the opportunity to improve her maritime services, and she emerges from the war in a much stronger position."

British shipping firms, while accepting as inevitable the situation which has resulted in a withdrawal of their ships, are none the less anxious to re-establish their trading operations in the East with the least possible delay, and that, in spite of what they regard as a heavy financial handicap, as Japanese shipping concerns have amassed very large financial reserves. It is hoped that soon a considerable quantity of British shipping will be free to return to the East. Already the release from requisition is looked forward to as offering some prospect of relief to the demand for British tonnage. This is a beginning, and it will gradually increase. But it is not likely until the process of transporting troops and stores home is near completion that there will be a full restoration of British shipping in these trades. That the competition in front of them is severe shipowners acknowledge.

MR. NAT GOODWIN.

Mr. Nat Goodwin, the popular American actor, died on Feb. 7, in New York, aged 61. Goodwin's chief title to fame lay in the fact that he was married five times, and divorced four times. After his last divorce he wrote a book entitled "Why Beautiful Women Marry Nat Goodwin." He devoted the volume to describing his various wives, whom he characterized thus: "My first, an angel; my second, a silly woman; my third, a Roman Senator; my fourth, a pretty little thing; my fifth, all woman." His first wife was Elizabeth Weatherly, who died in 1887, and his subsequent wives were Nellie Baker Pease, Maxine Elliott, Edna Goodrich, and Marjorie Moreland. Miss Moreland obtained a divorce last September. Her marriage to Goodwin followed after she had nursed him back to health from being severely injured by being thrown from a boat in the Pacific. A few days before the actor was seized with his final illness, Miss Moreland married Raymond Gibson, a naval lieutenant. The announcement of the ceremony seemed greatly to upset Goodwin, though he was himself about to be married a sixth time to Miss Gardner, an actress of 23, who attended him on his death-bed. Born at Boston in 1857, Mr. Goodwin was in his day one of the most popular and successful American comedians, but of late, owing to failing health, he had been seen on the stage but little, and he had recently owned a large restaurant at Ocean Park, California. His last appearance in England was in 1906, at the Shaftesbury, where he played in "A Gilded Fool," which had been produced in the United States 14 years before. The production, however, was a dire failure, and 10 days later a new entertainment was instituted. This again failed to please the public, and he returned to the United States.

PASSPORTS FOR SOLDIERS FROM OVERSEAS.

A notice issued by the Secretary of the War Office announces that cases have been brought to notice of officers and soldiers who came from abroad to serve in the war having been demobilised without claiming the free return passage to which they are entitled under certain conditions. Any officer or soldier (other than members of Dominion and Colonial Forces) discharged within the last six months, who came from a British possession or foreign country subsequent to Jan. 1, 1914, and joined or enlisted in the British Army should, if he has not already done so, write to the Office in Charge, Repatriation Records, Winchester, asking for Army Form Z7 to be forwarded to him. This form is a claim for passage only, and calls for proof of claim to a free passage, which proof is investigated, and until this has been done no answer need be expected. The claim refers to transportation only, and gives no right to pay allowances.

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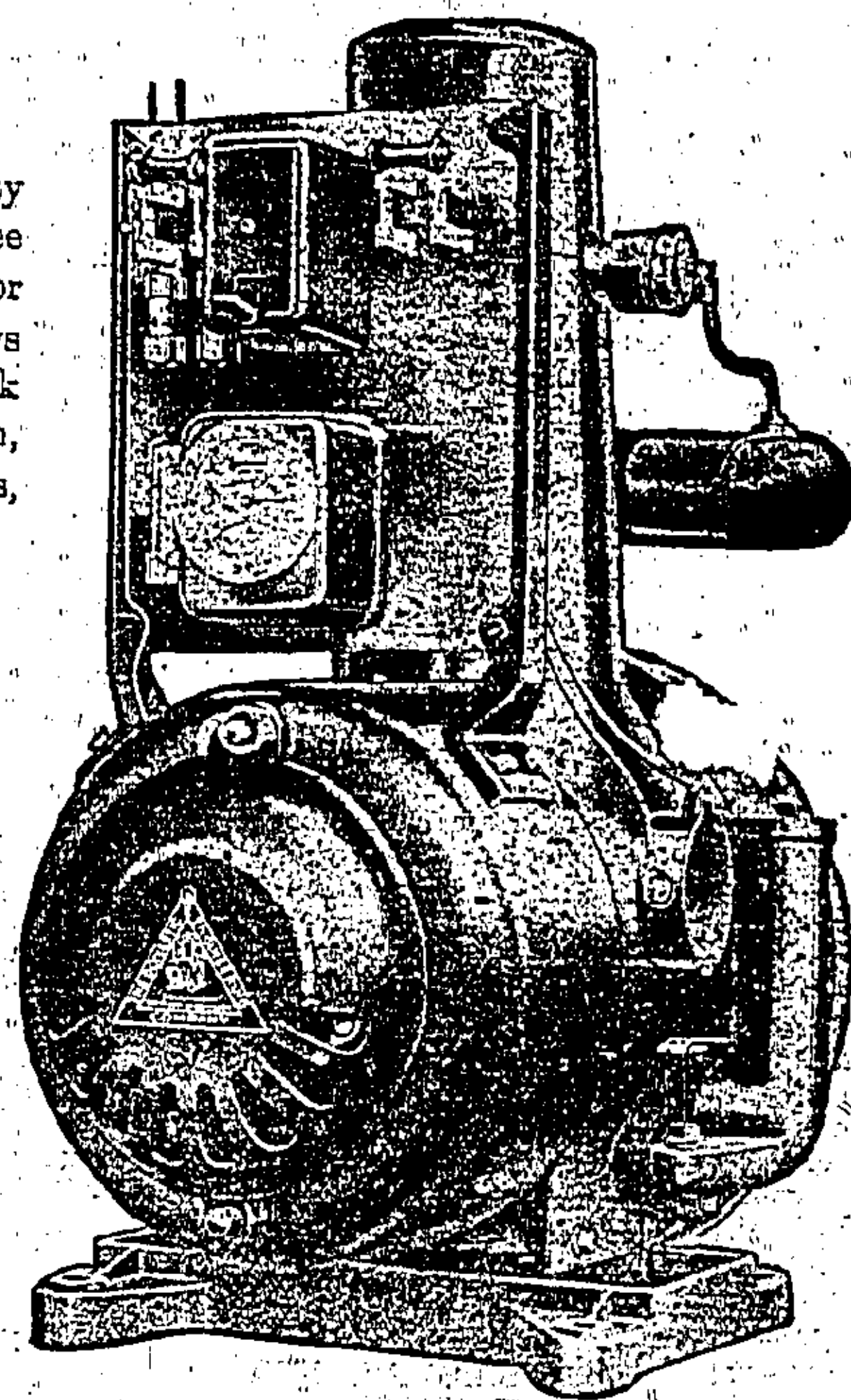
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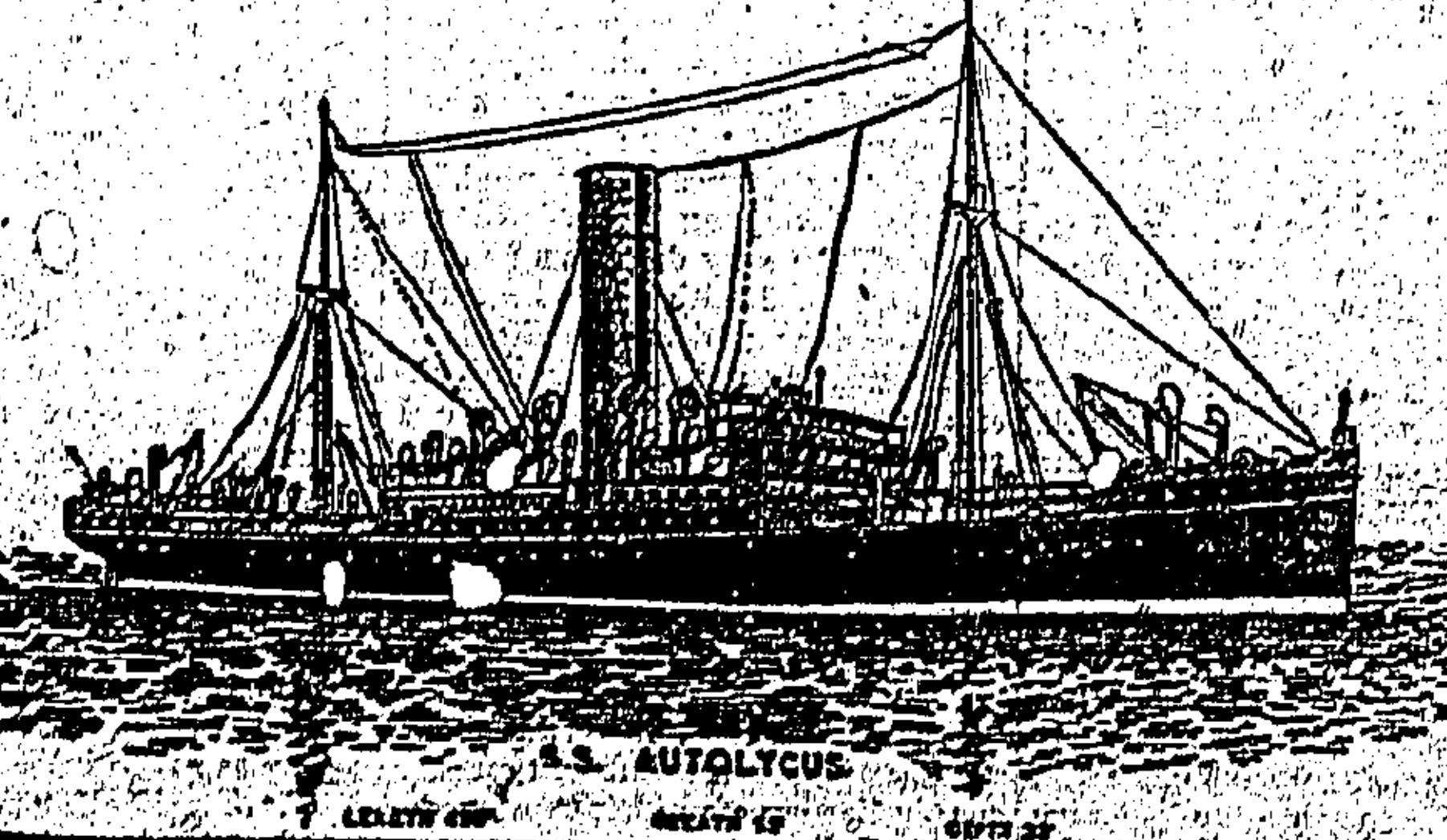
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CHINA AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

In one respect China's position at the Peace Conference strikes us as being somewhat anomalous. With a territory and population equal to that of most of the other Allies put together, she ranks nevertheless among the minor Powers taking part in the great Congress in Paris. On the other hand, her comparatively small and energetic neighbour Japan is included in the Council of the five countries which have the dominant voice, not only in imposing the peace terms on the nations with a view to securing the permanent peace of the world. Those conversant with Chinese affairs are well aware of the causes which had led to China playing a secondary role in this great epoch of the world's history. In many ways nations are very much like individuals. There have been numerous instances of men with great talents who, through defects in their organization, have failed to reach that foremost position among their fellows which should certainly have been theirs. Such is the case with China. The energy which should have been given to the progress and consolidation of the country has been frittered away by internal dissensions, and her great statesmen, who should have been striving for the welfare of the nation, have too often been seeking their own personal ends and ambitions. It is quite necessary to bear these facts in mind in considering China's position in the world to-day. She is about to present her case before the Paris Peace Conference, and in doing so it is essential for her delegates to be conscious of her limitations, and also of her errors of omission and commission since she joined the Allied cause. We say this because we think it doubtful whether her spokesmen quite realise the matter from this point of view. The latest statement of her claims is put forward in a plea signed by the Chinese National Defence League in Europe, Le Comité Démocratique Chinois in France, and the Central Union of the Chinese Students in Great Britain. This document largely concerns itself with the Japanese attitude towards China, and calls for the abolition of the Sino-Japanese Treaty of May, 1915, which the signatories allege has made Japan master of all the important economic resources of Shantung, Manchuria and other provinces. This naturally raises some highly contentious points, and while it may be true that certain Japanese individuals and companies have pursued a course which scarcely seems in keeping with the promises of prominent Japanese statesmen, the position certainly does not warrant the use of such exaggerated language as "that if this treaty stands the world will see in the near future the absorption by Japan of the Republic of China and the closing of the door of China to the free enterprise of other nations."

It remains to be seen how far the Peace Conference and the League of Nations, when it is constituted, will go in the direction of modifying or abrogating existing treaties, but it is perfectly certain that it will not be able by a stroke of the pen to change the complicated relations in which China stands to the various foreign Powers having conventions with and interests in that country. We may feel considerable sympathy with China in the position in which she finds herself, and regard as natural the aspirations of her people to cast off the foreign yoke, but the fact remains that in the past she was unable to stand alone or to maintain her inviolability by the strength of her own right arm; which in the last resort has always been the test of the virility of any nation or people. League of Nations or no League of Nations, China must make herself strong if she wishes to maintain her independence. The foreign interference of which her spokesmen complain can only be eliminated by the carrying out of the necessary reforms. Corrupt jurisdiction, for instance, cannot be abandoned until Chinese judicature has been brought into consonance with that of the Western world. In the same way also China must manifest her fitness to govern her own affairs if she would have restored to her the freedom of regulating her tariffs. The removal of the foreign garrisons is also one of her pleas. The presence of these garrisons is entirely a matter of the safety of foreigners. If quiet and good government prevailed in the country there would no longer be required, and when such conditions arise the Powers possessing them would be quite ready to withdraw them. These matters can only be settled by China herself. The Peace Conference cannot work wonders for her. She must initiate reforms, and not first condition necessary to this end is to cement the differences between North and South. Until she has secured peace within her own borders she cannot accomplish little in the way of constructive administration. Her best chance of securing the privileges she claims is to demonstrate to the world that she is worthy to receive them. With good government and leadership China has a great future before her, but whatever may be the outcome of the Peace Conference, and the

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ACCUSED OF SEDITION.

Just before the time for the rising of the Court at Bow-street recently David Ramsay, 35, pattern maker, of Draper street, Leicester, was brought up in custody before Sir John Dickinson, having been arrested on a warrant charging him with having, on January 26, 1919, done certain acts calculated to cause sedition and disaffection among the civilian population, and further with having, on the same date, unlawfully by word of mouth made statements intended to prejudice discipline amongst H. M. Forces, in contravention of the Defence of the Realm Regulations. Accused who is tall and clean shaven, appeared to be suffering from a cold.—Mr. Harold Pearce said this was a case undertaken by the Public Prosecutor. The charges were both founded upon a speech which was made by defendant at Croydon on January 26. It was not for him at that stage to put before the magistrates the details of that speech, precise evidence as to which would be given on a subsequent occasion. The first charge, brought under Regulation 42 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, was that Ramsay unlawfully did certain acts calculated to cause sedition and disaffection among the civilian population, and the second charge under Regulation 27 was that he did by word of mouth make statements affecting discipline amongst the Forces. The most convenient course would be to take evidence of arrest, and then to adjourn the case.—Chief Inspector Edward Parker, Special Branch, New Scotland Yard said: "At 11.30 a.m. to-day I saw prisoner at Leicester Police Station and asked him if his name was David Ramsay. He replied 'Yes.' I then said: 'I am going to arrest you under Regulation 55D of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and to convey you to London, where you will be charged with delivering a speech on Jan. 26, 1919, at the Orpheus Cinema, Croydon, contrary to Regulations 27 and 42 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations.' He replied: 'I see. That was not the charge I expected.' I brought him to London, and at Bow-street the charges were formulated and read over to him. He made no reply."—Sir John Dickinson (to the accused): "Do you wish to ask the inspector any questions?"—Defendant: "No, not now.—Sir John Dickinson: "Then you will be remanded until this week.—Defendant: "Will you allow me bail until that time?"—Sir John Dickinson: "I cannot grant bail at present.—Defendant: "I hope you will bear my application in mind. I am just recovering from influenza and it will be very difficult for me in my state of health to collect the evidence for my defence."—Sir John Dickinson: "Your health will be looked after.—Defendant: "I suppose I may send for whom I please?"—Mr. Pearce: "At Brixton every facility will be given to defendant to prepare his defence.—The hearing was adjourned accordingly."

League of Nations, her rulers and statesmen must remember that her destiny lies largely in her own hands.—L. & C. Express.

SHANGHAI HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT.

It is a matter for congratulation that the Whangpoo Conservancy Consultative Board, following upon the report of the Engineer-in-Chief as to the advisability of improving the harbour accommodation of Shanghai, has been able to set aside the sum of Ts. 350,000 for making the necessary surveys and obtaining the best expert opinion possible as to which of the many feasible plans is likely to be the best for the future of the port.

It has been roughly estimated that the sum necessary for bringing the harbour into a position to deal with the shipping trade of the future is about Ts. 1,000,000 and the expenditure of such a huge sum cannot lightly be undertaken. The proposals of the Engineer-in-Chief, published in another column, outline eleven likely schemes for harbour improvement each one of which is technically possible, their relative merits depending upon whether the requirements as to depth is put at 30, 40 or 45 feet.

Before any scheme can be decided upon, an effort must be made to arrive at some estimate of the probable future requirements of the port and it is here that the greatest difficulty will be experienced. We know that the maximum depth of 30 feet has already been exceeded in vessels trading to the Far East, but how far this increase in draft will continue can, unfortunately, only be estimated.

The tendency of the past twenty years has been for larger and larger ships to be put in commission and, were this to continue in the same ratio, it is undoubtedly that within a very few years the transoceanic vessels visiting the Far East will have a draft well above 40 feet. As to whether this ratio is likely to be maintained, it will be the duty of the proposed commission to decide, but even with all the data available, it can only be a matter of assumption.

Points that will have to be considered will be those of express cargo liners which carry their entire cargoes to one port of destination and others which call at several ports en route and are, therefore, seldom at their maximum draft. A vessel of, say, 20,000 tons and drawing 45 feet might be able to come to Shanghai provided she brought only a part cargo and left with space reserved for other ports, but assuming that vessels of this size are to become the ordinary cargo liners of the future, it is equally assured that what may be termed the express liner system will not be greatly extended. Already, so far as the Pacific trade is concerned, it is becoming more common for a vessel to load a whole cargo for one port and that this is being done on the Suez route and also apparent. Instead of a vessel leaving Europe with cargo for Colombo, Singapore, Hongkong, and Shanghai, it is becoming more the practice to endeavor to book a complete cargo for each port, the vessel proceeding straight to her port of destination and arriving there at her maximum draft. The practice, it has been demonstrated, results in the more economical running of the ship and the consequent cheaper transportation of cargo, for it follows that two vessels leaving Europe each with half a cargo for Hongkong and Shanghai will cost more in port dues and the delays of entering and leaving port than were the cargoes separated and each sent direct to its destination. The practice will involve, however, the accommodation of each port being sufficient for the handling of the largest vessels at their maximum draft, a point which will have to be taken into careful consideration in fixing the future requirements of the port of Shanghai.

This is only one of the preliminary questions which the commission will have to solve before setting itself to the solution of the engineering problems connected with the development of the port and it is one in which assumption and the gauging of possibilities will play a large part as it is not possible to see what the future developments in shipping may be after the economic upheaval that has already become apparent throughout the world.

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The Blue Funnel s.s. *Antilchus* left today about 1.20 p.m. for Singapore and London. She carried no local passengers, but carried enemy aliens who are being repatriated and a large number of demobilized troops, who were in charge of Major Jaques.

There are on board four Chinese doctors, one Chinese chemist, two Chinese hospital assistants, and one Russian hospital assistant. The two foreign doctors on board are Dr. Moore Graham, the ship's doctor, and Dr. Blumenstock, who decided to go in place of Dr. Berggren.

Early this morning the different detachments of the Artillery, Royal Engineers, Manchester, and Labour Corps, were lined up on the A.S.C. wharf, and inspected by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, who wished them God-speed and a safe return to their homes. A list of some of the Officers, N.C.O.s and men was given in yesterday's *China Mail*. The Band of the 18th Infantry was in attendance to play them off.

The sailing to San Francisco via Shanghai of the steamer *China* has been advanced two days. She is now to leave on the 22nd.

STANDARD SHIPS.

PURCHASE SCHEME.

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The arrangement then described provided for the possible acquisition of as many as 137 steamers, of from 7,000 to 11,000 tons gross, which were then actually under construction, but, as part of the scheme, the 'builders' who had accepted the original contracts from the Government were given the option of cancelling these contracts at any time up to Wednesday last, February 5 and of disposing of the ships under construction. The owners by direct negotiation. The establishment of definitive relations with intending purchasers under the scheme had, therefore, to be deferred until after that date. It is now known that the extinction of the 'builders' engagements, consequent on this clause, has reduced the number of vessels available for distribution under the scheme by 59 steamers to 78.

SUPPORT OF THE INDUSTRY.

There is good reason to believe that the action of Lord Inchcape and Sir Owen Phillips in assuming the Government's standard ship commitments has received the hearty approval of shipowners. The scheme provided for the distribution of the available vessels to applicants in proportion to their losses by enemy action or by other causes during the war. It also provided that the transfer of the vessels to individual owners should be free from intermediary profit, and that the contracts should pass to the purchasers on precisely the same terms as would have applied if the Government itself had taken delivery of the ships. The ultimate purchasers were, and are, left free to make, by arrangement with the builders, any alterations in the ships they might desire.

The method adopted has provided a quick means of disposing of the contracts and has avoided the delays which might have been expected to occur if the Government had retained the contracts until each ship was ready for delivery and had then tried to dispose of each contract through unaccustomed channels.

It will be remembered that one of the first important actions of the Controller-General of Merchant Shipbuilding after the conclusion of the Armistice was to telegraph to builders throughout the country instructions to suspend work in connection with 'standard' ships, the keels of which had not been laid, although the contracts had been accepted. There were, however, a large number of standard ships on the stocks, while a smaller number were then being fitted with engines. The arrangement entered into last month by the Government with Lord Inchcape and Sir Owen Phillips was in respect of these ships actually under construction.

LOST SHIPS AND NEW TONNAGE.

The insurance of vessels at current values during the war protected owners, to a great extent, against the risk of loss of capital through enemy action; but the substitution of cash, which was often invested in War Loan, for a lost vessel and her earning capacity, left the owner dormant, so far as the management of one unit of the fleet was concerned. The owner could not replace by another ship which was sunk by an enemy submarine, totally wrecked in consequence of the greatly increased difficulties of navigation under war conditions, or was lost through other cause. While this payment could not be employed at the time in the acquisition of new tonnage, owing to the limitation of shipyards to Government work, the cost of construction was mounting. In 1918, the insurance value of 18 months age of an 8,000-ton ship of standard type would, as a rule, scarcely be sufficient for the building of such a ship to-day. The present opportunity, therefore, of investing insurance money in tonnage already in course of construction, is it is understood, being seized by many owners. In fact, it is believed that twice the amount of tonnage now offered could have been disposed of to British owners had such an amount been available.

A condition of the present transaction is that the ships shall remain in British ownership and under the British flag for four years from the date of their completion, unless their sale to foreign owners is authorized by the Board of Trade.

To-day's return of communicable disease shows three cases of plague and four of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

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BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

During the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unusual looseness of the bowels is noticed, Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC.

U.S. NAVY MAKING READY.

It is officially announced that the United States Navy is a competitor for Transatlantic flying honours. The announcement is tucked away in an innocuous order of the Navy Department assigning Commander John G. Towers to take charge of the development of plans and the assembly of material and personnel for the proposed Transatlantic flight. The publication of the order is due to inadvertence. Mr. Daniels, to whom was addressed an inquiry concerning the character of the American Navy's plans, said that they were not ready for publication, and he added that the Navy could not, of course, officially be regarded as entering for the *Daily Mail* prize. When asked again for details, he smiled broadly. "I cannot go into them now," he said. "I think it wiser to let matters rest where they stand without going into details. We are anxious that the United States Navy should get the credit for the first flight. We had hoped that something would get out about it, but through a little slip the fact that Commander Towers has received his orders got out, and I can do nothing more now than confirm the report that we are planning a flight."

Commander Towers, to whom has been assigned the task of preparing the first Transatlantic flight, has hitherto been in charge of the Naval Reserve Flying Corps. Airman consider his selection an admirable one. The attempt by the Navy will be made with the monster seaplane constructed by Mr. Glenn H. Curtiss. Its test flights over long distances with at one time as many as 61 passengers have proved most satisfactory.

The route generally favoured in naval circles is by way of the Azores with a stop at the Islands for fuel and oil. Plans are under consideration for stationing destroyers on the route in order that the seaplane may, if necessary, replenish from their supplies. The crew of the seaplane will in all probability consist of five men—two pilots to take turns at the levers, two mechanics to look after the engines, and a navigating officer to chart the course.

The date of the flight is not determined. June is considered a good month. Naval airman are, however, careful not to divulge the month that they will probably select. They admit to keen rivalry with the British in regard to the first flight, but they say that whichever nation makes the first attempt can rely on the co-operation of the other. The chances, they think, favour the United States, owing to the fact that the prevailing winds are from West to East.

FRENCH WAY WITH PROFITEERS.

DRASTIC PENALTIES FOR INFLATING PRICES.

The patience of French consumers has at last reached the culminating point, and as the result a Bill was introduced on Feb. 5 to suppress profiteering, which has grown by such great strides during the last year. A certain lot of sugar, first sold at 175 francs (£7) per 100 kilos [200 lb.], passed through four or five, perhaps more, intermediaries, with the result that it was put up to retail at 400 francs (£16). It may also be added that butter is now unobtainable in Paris, because the dairy shops refuse to retail it at the fixed price, saying that they are made to pay more than that at the source of supply.

It is proposed by the Bill that all who cause the inflation of prices through holding up goods and raising the price by fraudulent means shall be subject to from one month's to three years' imprisonment and a fine of from £20 to £200, or to one or other of these penalties at the Judge's discretion. The same penalties may be inflicted on those who either personally or as head of a business concern, even without the employment of fraudulent methods, but with the object of illicit speculation, have raised or attempted to raise the price of goods above the natural market value. Anyone guilty of the above offences who was not in the business in question before January 1, 1915, is made liable to heavier penalties—namely, from one to five years' imprisonment and (or) a fine of from £400 to £4,000. During the whole period of punishment the Court will have authority to have placed in public view on the walls of the office of the guilty person a notice announcing the conviction.

It will be possible to prohibit the person convicted from carrying on any business or industry for five years or, for the same period, from being his own master. In the latter case he will be prohibited from serving as a junior in a concern of which he was formerly a director. An infraction of such an order will entail a fine of £200 and the closing of the establishment employing him. In the case of dealings in grain, flour, or other foodstuffs, and of drinks, fuel, or commercial chemicals, the punishment will be from two months to five years' imprisonment and (or) a fine of from £40 to £400.

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SHIPPING PERSONALIA.

U.S. NAVY MAKING READY.

Mr. R. D. Bridge, second officer, *Hsin Peking*, has gone second officer, *Hsin Peking*.
Mr. D. T. James, chief officer, *Changchow*, has gone supernumerary chief officer, *Changchow*.
Mr. J. D. Fraser, from reserve, has gone chief officer, *Changchow*.
Mr. G. B. Hood, third engineer, *Sinking*, has gone third engineer, *Chienan*.
Mr. H. W. Thomson, second engineer, *Shanghai*, has gone second engineer, *Sinking*.
Mr. D. Warden, chief engineer, *Hsin Peking*, is on reserve. Mr. T. Henderson, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, *Hsin Peking*.
Mr. R. McCormick, third engineer, *Luenji*, has gone third engineer, *Shanghai*.
Mr. S. H. Brown, second engineer, *Shanghai*, has gone second engineer, *Shanghai*.
Mr. J. G. Clark, third engineer, *Chienan*, has gone third engineer, *Luenji*.
Mr. D. O. Tilburn, second engineer, *Sinking*, has gone third engineer, same ship.
Mr. E. H. Lawrence, from reserve, has gone second officer, *Chipping*.
Mr. H. S. Hurley, chief officer, *Chipping*, is on reserve.
Mr. J. F. Nicoll, acting master, *Chipping*, has gone chief officer, same ship.
Mr. J. D. Thwaites, second officer, *Chipping*, has gone supernumerary second officer, *Namsang*.
Mr. F. E. Lane, chief officer, *Kamsang*, has gone chief officer, *Kamsang*.
Mr. E. Tappell, from reserve, has gone acting master, *Chipping*.
Mr. J. D. Carwell, supernumerary second officer, *Loongang*, has resigned.
Mr. F. J. Xavier, third engineer, *Kingsing*, is on reserve. Mr. T. C. Barclay has been appointed third engineer, *Kingsing*.
Mr. E. E. Laker, third engineer, *Loongang*, has gone third engineer, *Loongang*.
Mr. J. Cooker, third engineer, *Choyung*, has gone third engineer, *Loongang*.
Mr. J. W. McNaught, from leave, has gone second engineer, *Loongang*.
Mr. J. S. Black, third engineer, *Choyung*, has gone second engineer, same ship.
Mr. J. Smith, chief engineer, *Hopang*, has gone chief engineer, *Takung*.
Mr. J. D. McCracken, chief engineer, *Takung*, is on reserve.
Mr. A. L. Miller, from leave, has gone chief officer, *Wingsang*.
Mr. J. Stalker, chief engineer, *Wingsang*, has gone second engineer, same ship.
Mr. W. P. B. Crawford, supernumerary second engineer, *Wosang*, has gone second engineer, *Wosang*.
Mr. T. Anderson, second engineer, *Wosang*, is on leave.
Mr. F. P. Smith, acting second engineer, *Wosang*, has gone third engineer, same ship.
Mr. N. Watson, supernumerary third engineer, *Van Waerwijck*, has gone fourth engineer, *Pooksang*.
Mr. T. A. Murphy has been appointed second officer, *Tungwang*.
Mr. G. Boniforts has been appointed third engineer, *Tungwang*.
Mr. G. Cosmich has been appointed third engineer, *Kiangyui*.
Mr. J. Taylor, chief officer, *Lien-shing*, has gone chief officer, *Kwang-sai*.
Mr. J. Mounsey, chief officer, *Kwang-sai*, is on reserve.
Mr. W. Ross, chief officer, *Van Waerwijck*, has resigned.
Mr. J. G. Smith, chief officer, *Haimun*, has resigned.
Mr. E. W. Lawson has been appointed chief officer, *Medway*.
Mr. W. Cullen, chief officer, *Rotorua*, has gone chief officer, *Lien-shing*.
Mr. H. Gresham, second officer, *Telomachus*, has resigned.
Mr. A. A. Pullen, second engineer, *Rotorua*, has gone second engineer, *Manapouri*.
Mr. W. Cox, second engineer, *Manapouri*, has resigned.
Mr. E. Nuss, second engineer, *Sinfoo*, has resigned.—Shipping and Engineering.

FREIGHT CHARGES IN U.S.A.

U.S. NAVY MAKING READY.

The Traffic Bureau of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has received information that the Director of Traffic and Public Service of the United States Railroad Administration have sent a formal letter to the freight traffic committees of the Administration throughout the country, instructing them to desist from considering schemes for making changes in the freight rate structures of the country. In substance, the order is that until further advice from the Directors named above, the committees are not to docket or send out for public consideration any proposal for any commodity or commodity in any district or territory or any general readjustment of rates in any district or territory unless the approval of the Directors of Traffic and Public Service has first been given. In view of the above it is felt that the transportation situation of the country will gradually develop to normal conditions as the country advances in the entrance of the country into the war, and that the abnormal advances in freight rates which were viewed as a war necessity are now behind.

WEATHER REPORT.

U.S. NAVY MAKING READY.

April 8d. 12th. 14th.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure has decreased slightly to moderately at all stations reporting; it is highest over S. China.
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Total since January 1st, 4.83 inches, against an average of 7.9 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 10th.
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. Westerly or variable winds, moderate; fine generally, fog or mist.
2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U.S. NAVY MAKING READY.

APRIL 9, 1919.—a.m.

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HONGKONG, 9th APRIL, 1919.
OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

MARKET INDICATIONS.

Canton Ins. ... \$450 b.
North China Ins. ... \$140 b.
Union Ins. ... \$100 b.
Yangtze Ins. ... \$235 b.
Far Easterns ... \$25 b.

Fire Insurance.

China Fire Ins. ... \$170 s.
Hongkong Fire Ins. \$330 b. 335 ss.
Shanghai ...
Donghai ... 91 b.
H.K. Steamship ... 73 1/2 b.
Indo-China (Over) ... 33 b.
Do. (Def.) ... 112 b.
Shanghai ... 155 1/2 b.
Star ... 35 s.

REVENUE.

China Sugars ... \$128 b. 127 ss.
Malayan Sugars ... \$33 1/2 b.
Mysore ...
Kallian Mining Adm. ... 50 1/2 b.
Langkat Combined T. 21 b. 22 1/2 ss.
Tobacco ... 40 1/2 b.
French Mining ... 40 1/2 b.
Ural Caspian ... 40 1/2 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.

H. & E. Wharves ... \$13 1/2 b. 13 ss.
R. & W. Docks ... \$14 1/2 b. 14 ss.
Shai Docks ... \$13 1/2 b.
New Engineering ... \$13 1/2 b.

LANDS, HOUSES & BUILDINGS.

Central Estate ... \$108 ss.
Hongkong Estate ... \$85 b.
Hongkong Lands ... \$107 b.
Humphreys ... \$71 b.
Kowloon Lands ... \$85 b.
Land Reclamations ... \$175 b.
West Point ... \$65 b.

COTTONS.

Ewo Cottons ... \$207 b.
Kang Yeh ... \$27 b. 27 ss.
Lach Kang Mow ... \$170 ss.
Orientals ... \$70 ss.
Shanghai Cottons ... \$170 ss.
Yangtze Cottons \$160 b. 160 ss.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Companys ... \$74 b.
China-Borneo ... \$13.50 b.
China Lights ... \$5 1/2 b. cum rights
China-Provident ... \$74 b.
Dairy Farms ... \$28 b. 28 ss.
H.K. Electric ... \$73 ss.
Maca ... \$74 b.
Hongkong Ropes ... \$304 n.
H.K. Tramways ... \$7.00 n.
Peak Tramways (C) ... \$74 b.
do (New) ... \$75 b.
Steam Locomotives ... \$3.00 b.
H.K. Steel Foundry ... \$12 b.
Water-Boats ... \$134 ss.
Watsons ... \$61 b.
Powells ... \$11 b.
Wisdoms ... \$27 b.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st April, 1919.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

1918	1919
Reservoirs at 11 ft. below overflow.	1918
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Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and gallons during the month of March.

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Constant supply in all districts during March of both 1918 & 1919.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

1918	1919
Reservoirs at 11 ft. below overflow.	1918
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Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and gallons during the month of March.

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The Government's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

Public Works Department.

CHIEF, Water Authority.

THE CHIN PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 30 minutes.

SATURDAYS.

EXTRA CAR—12 midnight.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
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1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SPECIAL CARS (management at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.)
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Shanghai, Hankow, Pootung, Tientsin.

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Halo, Hsinming, Tientsin, Harbin.

Daluy, Antung, Tientsin, Chinchow.

Shanghai, Hankow, Pootung, Tientsin.

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NOTICES.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the registered office of the Society, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of April, 1919, at 10 o'clock noon, when the following resolutions will be proposed as extraordinary resolutions:

- That the nominal silver capital of the Society as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £200,000,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each.
- That each of the issued silver shares of the Society of the nominal value of \$250 each with the sum of \$100 paid up thereon, be converted into five shares of the nominal value of £10 each with the sterling equivalent of \$20 Hongkong currency at the opening T. T. rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 80,000 shares out of the 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Society so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
- That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:

- By the insertion after article No. 107 of the following Article:

107(a). The Board may employ the funds of the Society which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 107 or any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalizing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repairing improving and maintaining any of the property of the Society, or otherwise in the business of the Society, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Society and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets.

- By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 108.

- 108a. (1). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting may think fit but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 19, 20 and 21 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Society and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend.

- (2). After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Society for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorizing any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Society providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

- (3). It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this Article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Articles 107(a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus and to make such call shall have been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

- 108(b). Dividends may be paid in Hongkong Currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting declaring or sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the Twenty-eighth day of March, 1919.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of April, 1919, at 5 o'clock p.m. when the following resolutions will be proposed as extraordinary resolutions:

- That the nominal silver capital of the Company as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £1,000,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £5 each.
- That each of the issued silver shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$250 each with the sum of \$50 paid up thereon be converted into three shares and two-fifths of one share of the nominal value of £25 each with the sterling equivalent of \$7.35 Hongkong currency at the opening T. T. rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £25 each constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
- That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:

- By the insertion after Article No. 106 of the following Article:

106(a). The Board may employ the funds of the Company which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 106 or any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalizing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repairing improving and maintaining any of the property of the Company, or otherwise in the business of the Company, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets.

- By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 107.

- 107a. (1). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting may think fit but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 18, 19 and 20 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Company and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend.

- (2). After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Company for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorizing any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Company providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

- (3). It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this Article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Articles 106(a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus and to make such call shall have been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

- 107(b). Dividends may be paid in Hongkong Currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting declaring or sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the Twenty-eighth day of March, 1919.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

NOTICES.

Arnhold Brothers & Co., Ltd.

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PROPOSED NEW SHIPMASTERS' UNION.

Shipmasters and officers at Southampton and Portsmouth are holding meetings for the purpose of establishing a new officers' union.

It was announced that an invitation had been extended to Mr. Havelock Wilson, M.P., to take up the organization of the new union and to become its first president. Mr. Wilson, in reply, advised that the better course was to join existing organizations, and by weight of membership would, in their own way.

In the course of discussion, it was suggested that Sir Leo Chiozza Money should be asked to undertake the formation of a new union, all present expressing their willingness to put up £5 if that gentleman would undertake the task.

Commenting on the above, the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce* says: "What is the matter with the shipmasters and officers at the ports of Southampton and Portsmouth? They, or at least some of them, are seeking to establish a new shipmasters' union. Assuming that the idea, snowball fashion, gathers weight, a question immediately presents itself to us. Is there room for another organization of the kind which the promoters have in mind? We are inclined to assert that the answer, to use a Parliamentary expression, is in the negative. The existing concerns, the Mercantile Marine Service Association and the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, seem to us to be sufficiently able to safeguard the interests of the British shipmaster and officer."

But if we are wrong in this belief, and if the Southampton and Portsmouth members of the cloth take the view that either of these two societies falls short of its requirements, or believe that its activities are not in keeping with the spirit of the times, or of the new and constantly changing conditions, then we should rather think that greater headway would be made if, as suggested by Mr. Havelock Wilson, M.P., who was invited to undertake the organization of the new society, and to become its first president (a gentleman who is steeped to the eyes in trades-unionism), they

TRADE AND THE WAR.

WASTED OPPORTUNITIES.

Another criticism of the methods of the War Trade Department and their effect in transferring to other countries business which might have been kept for England is furnished by a firm of export and import merchants in the City of London. Soon after the war broke out the firm began to receive orders from the East for cigarette papers, and several good orders were filled. In the middle of August last year an order for 2,000,000 papers was cable from Siam. The manufacturers of the papers were communicated with, and promised delivery within a month, but intimated that an export licence would be required. Application was made to the War Trade Department, but the licence was refused, without any reason being given. Further correspondence produced no change in the attitude of the Department. The suppliers of the papers made it known that they were not short of paper and had sufficient in stock to carry them on for months, but it was not until Nov. 22 that the licence was finally granted. By this time the firm had been compelled to cable to their clients in Siam that the licence was refused, and when they tried to re-open the business they were informed that the order had been given to a Japanese firm.

joined either the one or the other of the societies mentioned, and thus strengthen its hands. The advent of a further society would, in our judgment, only defeat the objects which the promoters have in mind, and, indeed, create internecine warfare. Granted that there is still much to be done for the betterment of shipmasters and officers, the best results are not likely, in our opinion, to be obtained by the formation of a new society, even if it be organized and presided over, as is gathered from a paragraph which appears elsewhere to-day, by Sir Leo Chiozza Money, whose qualifications for the work, by the way, are not altogether apparent to us.

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POST OFFICE.

Allied soldiers in the various hospitals in Siberia are badly in need of reading matter. Any books, newspapers, etc., for their use handed in at the G.P.O. will be packed and forwarded to them free.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abozan, Ahwas or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Udine, Vicenza, Treviso Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces) and to Abyssinia, Baghdad, Freetown, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

TO-DAY, April 9.
Europe—Per PAUL LECAT.

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, April 10.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SUIYANG, Noon.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE—Per CANADA, Noon.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe—Per PAUL LECAT, 4.30 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per SUIYANG, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 11.
Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 2 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Egypt and EUROPE via Liverpool—Per AGAFAENOR, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 12.
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PACIFIC ISLES.

Sir Douglas Mawson, the Antarctic explorer, lecturing at Leeds-Luncheon Club, said Australia had no special claims to the islands north of Fiji, but as she was the nearest country to them she might have some say in their disposal. Apparently the Australians were not keen for Japan to get them. Personally, he had hoped that the United States would have had them. They felt that the Asiatic races were going to be a big factor in the world. If the League of Nations considered Japan a call on them, and if Japan was to be recompensed by them, there was no more to say. It was to be any return for those had taken their share in the war would be an equitable one.

believed, possesses definite and specific assurances from us, given at the time when she undertook at our request the clearing of the Southern Pacific, that she would receive certain of the German islands. What ever solution may be proposed, it would, therefore, seem that our hands are bound by secret agreement. A solution must, of course, be found, one way or the other, but it goes almost without saying that Tokyo will insist that, whatever its nature, the solution must apply uniformly to the territories claimed by Japan and to those claimed by Australia. In other words, if the islands north of the equator are not handed over to Japan, neither must the former German colonies within the area of the Australasian sphere be handed over to Australia. A solution which satisfied Australia and made Japan only a mandatory of the League of Nations would be regarded by Japan as no solution, but a breach of faith on our part. In short, we seem to be once more up against a secret bargain. The islands claimed by Japan are of little value in themselves, but are of very considerable strategic importance.

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